

HARALSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2015

Chairman Allen Poole called the regular meeting of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners to order. Ms. Sandi Couch offered the Invocation and Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Poole stated that the minutes of the June meetings had been sent to the board to review. He asked the commissioners if there were any changes to be made. There were none. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting, June 11, 2015 Special Called meeting and the June 16, 2015 Special Called Work Session as written. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bennett motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Robinson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Poole reported that the Recreation project was proceeding well. They have completed most of the underground infrastructure and fencing for the baseball fields. They will be starting on the sod within a week or so, weather permitting.

Chairman Poole also reported that the implementation of the Service Delivery Strategy agreement with the cities is in the final stages of being set up.

Public Participation on Agenda Items

None

Item #1 – JAG Grant Application Announcement

Alison Palmer reported that the Superior Court Judges had applied for a grant for funds to use with the Drug Court program. The application will be available for review in the commissioner's office for 30 days.

Item #2 – Haralson County Chamber of Commerce Membership – Vote

Chairman Poole stated that the "silver" chamber of commerce membership price that the county approved last year has increased from \$750 to \$1000. He asked the board if they would like to renew at that price or choose another. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the \$1000 Silver membership renewal. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 - Development Authority Budget Allocation

Chairman Poole reported that the Development Authority had made a public announcement

that they would not accept the \$100,000 allocation from the county. They were under the impression that this had taken the \$1 per hour raise away from the county employees. Chairman Poole motioned to leave the allocation in the budget for now in case the Development Authority needed it. He stated that Haralson County needs new businesses in the county to help reduce the amount of taxes needed from county residents property taxes.

Commissioner Dobbs stated that he thought the board had decided to use that for the \$1 raises. Chairman Poole clarified that a \$1 raise to all full time county employees equated to approximately \$440,000 per year. He stated he would like to be able to give that amount of raise to the employees, but the board would then have to sustain that amount each year.

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion to leave the allocation for the Development Authority and the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Dobbs opposing.

Item #4 – Construction Manager at Risk Proposal from RK Redding Construction, Inc. – Vote

Eric Johnson, Project manager for Jail Project, introduced Randall Redding. He stated that the county had advertised for this RFQ in the legal organ for 4 weeks and when the deadline had passed, the only one received was from RK Redding. Mr. Johnson has met with the company several times and has consulted with the county attorney regarding the proposed contract. He stated that they had met earlier today with Mr. Redding to determine that everyone was comfortable that the project could be completed within the budget that has been set for the project.

Mr. Johnson stated that RK Redding has an excellent reputation for finishing projects on budget and on time and that he is a local company.

Mr. Johnson said that the only part of the contract that he would be asking the board to approve at this time is for the Preconstruction Services Phase for \$50,000. This is the planning that will come up with the final overall budget or Guaranteed Maximum Price for the project. This includes the budget, construction schedule and completion time frame. They still feel like this can be completed by the summer of 2016.

Mr. Johnson clarified that the vote tonight would be for the approval of RKR as the CM @ Risk for the Pre Construction Services with the legal counsel's recommendation of the mediation clause.

Chairman Poole asked Mr. Redding if he was comfortable that the project could be completed within the budget the county has and in a timely manner. Mr. Redding stated that they would work with the design team to make sure the "design is deliverable for the allotted budget."

Commissioner Bennett stated that she was excited that they would be trying to use as much local vendors as possible.

Commissioner Smith motioned to approve RK Redding Construction, Inc. as the CM @ Risk for the Pre construction phase of the Jail Project. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Non Agenda Public Participation

David Tarpley spoke his opposition to the public participation rules that the board had put in place.

Chairman Poole responded that he has always had an open door policy and was available to speak to the citizens at any time. He stated that the work sessions were for the discussion of the items and the regular meeting was to take formal actions. He also stated that if the board wanted to discuss changing the public participation policy again, then they could do that in a work session.

When Mr. Tarpley took offense to Ms. Cain cutting him off when his time had ended, Ms. Cain stated that she was just acting as the parliamentarian and enforcing the ordinance that the board of commissioners had adopted.

With no further business, Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bennett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Alison Palmer
County Clerk